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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit  
1925 K Street, NW  
Washington DC 20423-0001

Attn: Christa Dean

Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 18X)  
*The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption*  
*-- Line In Winn Parish, LA*

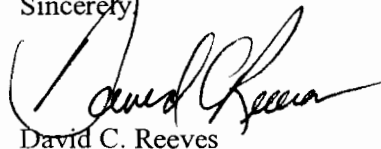
Dear Ms. Dean:

The Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment issued by the Board on October 3, 2005, required that applicant The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") consult with Mr. Timothy Howell, local floodplain administrator, comply with his reasonable requirements to mitigate any potential impacts prior to beginning salvage activities, and advise the Board in writing of those consultations. This letter complies with that requirement.

Attached is an e-mail received this morning from Mr. Howell, following up on our earlier consultations with him. It states that his conclusion, and that of the Winn Parish Police Jury, is that the proposed abandonment would not adversely affect the pertinent 100-year floodplains. Accordingly, he proposed no mitigation. Having concluded this consultation, KCSR understands that it is now free to salvage the line. The property remains subject to the Notice of Interim Trail Use issued by the Board.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of an original and two copies of this letter by date-stamping the third copy hereof and returning it to the person making this filing for return to us. If there are any questions about this please contact the undersigned or William A. Mullins, KCSR's representative in this matter, at 202-663-7823 or [wmullins@bakerandmiller.com](mailto:wmullins@bakerandmiller.com).

Sincerely,



David C. Reeves

Enclosure

cc: Thomas J. Healey, Esq.  
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Subject KCS abandonment in Winn Parish

David,

As I mentioned to you in a prior email, my recommendation to the Police Jury was that the railroad abandonment will not adversely affect the 100 year flood plain as far as any plans of the Parish are concerned. The recommendation was reviewed and accepted.

If you need a letter with the above information, feel free to let me know.

H. Timothy Howell, P.L.S.